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The Holy Spirit: The Spirit Convicts

In the Gospel of John we learn how we can relate to God as our Father, we learn that there is a savior to be found in Jesus, and we learn there is something good that will happen when Jesus leaves. **The Holy Spirit will come.**

- *Share your understanding of the Holy Spirit as you know him up to this point in your life. If it applies to you, share your experience growing up in church and learning about the Holy Spirit.*

Read John 14:15-31 together as a group.

There are a two main constraints to understanding the Holy Spirit. First, many are confused or ignorant about who He is and others are routinely neglectful of his part in our lives.

- *Why do you think this part of the Trinity is so difficult for people to talk about and fully understand?*

The Holy Spirit is a person, not an invisible force field. He is a living, breathing person; in mutual submission to both the Father and the Son.

- Why is understanding the Holy Spirit as a person important for us?
- Why does NOT seeing him as a living, breathing person problematic for Christians?

The Holy Spirit creates life from death. He is hovering over life, waiting to do the will of God. Breathing new life into what was previously dead. He gives life.

- *Where in God’s Word do we see the Spirit actively creating life?*

If what we learned about the Spirits creative power is true, then **there should be a difference in our lives.** Having a deep expression of knowledge, alongside a power living within our heart.

- *How does it matter for your own life?*
- *Where are you personally in need of the Spirits power to create and bring life?*
- *In what areas and in what ways could you begin to acknowledge the presence of the Holy Sprit?*